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Re: MUR 7283 - Response of Josh Welle for Congress and Jada Kavanagh, in her capacity as Treasurer, & Mr. Josh Welle

Dear Ms. Stevenson:

This response is submitted on behalf of the above-referenced respondents in relation to the October 11, 2017, letter from the Commission notifying Josh Welle for Congress (the "Campaign") and Mr. Welle of a complaint filed by Mr. Mike Keeling, designated by the Commission as MUR 7283.¹

Josh Welle declared his candidacy publicly on September 21, 2017, but it was not until six days later, on September 27, 2017, that Mr. Welle became a "candidate" under the Commission's definition when his campaign activity exceeded \$5,000, thus triggering FEC registration and reporting responsibilities.²

¹ The Commission's letter incorrectly refers to Mr. Welle as the Campaign's Treasurer. See Welle for Congress Statement of Organization, available at <http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/266/201710179075788266/201710179075788266.pdf>. This response is filed timely pursuant to an extension granted by Commission staff on December 6, 2017.

² See 11 C.F.R. § 100.3(a)(1). Mr. Welle received contributions aggregating in excess of \$5,000 on September 27, 2017.



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Ten days after becoming a candidate, on October 7, 2017, Mr. Welle timely filed his Statement of Candidacy on FEC Form 2.³ And 10 days after that, on October 17, 2017, the Committee timely filed its FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization.⁴

Accordingly, the Committee is in full compliance with the Commission's registration requirements and therefore, pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109, this matter should be dismissed.⁵

Respectfully Submitted,

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and Mr. Josh Welle

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³ See 11 C.F.R. § 101.1(a) (a Statement of Candidacy designating a principal campaign committee must be filed within 15 days after an individual becomes a "candidate"). See Josh Welle Statement of Candidacy, available at <http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/893/201710079075583893/201710079075583893.pdf>.

⁴ See 11 C.F.R. § 102.1(a) (within 10 days after it has been designated by the candidate, the principal campaign committee must register with the Commission by filing a Statement of Organization (FEC Form 1)). See Welle for Congress Statement of Organization, available at <http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/266/201710179075788266/201710179075788266.pdf>.

⁵ The Committee notes that candidate residency requirements - if any such requirements exist - are entirely outside the Commission's jurisdiction.